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Celebrating Cheyenne and Arapaho Class of 2014

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Tribal member graduate, Melissa Curley shakes the hands of special guests at the annual graduation banquet in Weatherford, Okla. From l-r: Gordon Yellowman, Funston Whiteman, Heather Shotton, Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey and Gov. Eddie Hamilton.

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Many family and friends gather to celebrate a significant transition among Cheyenne and Arapaho collegiate and high school graduates.

On May 7, 2014 the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Education Department hosted a graduation banquet at the Pioneer Event Center in Weatherford, Okla.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Eddie Hamilton welcomed and advised the graduates to hold on to their dreams and to stand firm in their knowledge so that they can help the communities they live in.

"I am very proud of what you all have accomplished and I want to encourage you all to continue on with your education and to give back to your communities, your families and honor them in a way that you carry on a good name they have bestowed upon you," Hamilton said.

The keynote speaker for

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Tribal ag program brings farm to casino restaurant

By Kristie Eaton

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -When guests dine at the Red Oak Steakhouse in Quapaw, the tomatoes on the salad are grown across the street from the Downstream Casino Resort at one of the tribe's four new greenhouses. Soon, the steaks will come from the tribe's cattle herd and the salad dressing will be made from its beehives.

The national trend of a farm-to-table concept is taking hold at the restaurant thanks to the Quapaw Tribe Agriculture Program, a new venture to create jobs and offer healthy food to casino guests and tribal members.

"We're just trying to diversify our economy of the tribe, and we want to be able to provide our own restaurants with beef that we control from birth to the plate and make sure it's real good-quality stuff," Quapaw Tribe Chairman John Berrey said.

The four greenhouses were built earlier this year to grow a variety of vegetables and herbs for the restaurant, Downstream Casino spokesman Sean Harrison said. The tribe added 140 head of cattle in April that will be weaned and fattened before slaughter, Berrey said. The tribe also has a herd of bison and plans to get about 40 more in October from Badlands National Park in South Dakota.

Four people have been hired to work at the greenhouses and additional workers will be hired to take care of the cattle and beehives, Harrison said.

Earl ``Duke'' Walter, the steakhouse's manager, said the locally produced products help set the restaurant, which opened along with the casino in 2008, apart from others in the area. It also helps the chef create new menu items to draw in customers, he said.

The tomatoes have been used to make a tomato gin soup, Walter said, and honey from beehives the tribe will soon add could be used for a variety of purposes, including salad dressings and sauces.

Restaurants leave a carbon footprint, Walter said, so making it sustainable is important. He said he would eventually like to be able to produce 90 to 95 percent of the restaurant menu locally, including eggs, chicken and pork.

This is not the first time the tribe has taken an innovative approach to using its land. It was the first in the nation to lead and manage the cleanup of a federal hazardous waste site, which once housed a Catholic Church and boarding school that tribal members attended. The Tar Creek Superfund site, a 40-square-mile area that includes portions of Kansas and Missouri, is contaminated by leftover mine waste.

"I think this is just another extension, another way for them to try and give back, try and put something back into the land instead of just take, take, take,'' Walter said.

Life's Journeys

Elder spends his life as a wood crafter

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Eugene Red Hat is a quiet dignified man who makes his home at Geary Nursing Home, in a room surrounded with wood creations, crafts and paintings crafted by his own hands.

"I was born July 27, 1933 somewhere in Seiling, my mother died during my birth. I don't even know her name. I think it was Ellis, but I'm not for sure," Red Hat said.

Red Hat's ability to remember people, places and things is a struggle for him due to a head injury he sustained 72 years ago.

"I can't remember very well on account of the injury I had a long time ago. I can understand what people mean, and I try to put them together. I have to take things slow and easy because I can't very well concentrate on how to put things together," Red Hat said.

Red Hat found his way through life being able to take the process of building a furniture piece from the tree to a completed piece.

"I loved to build with the graceful lines and curves from a tree," Red Hat gently said as he raised his hand smoothly into the air for effect. "I used to build wooden benches."

To the best of Red Hat's collection, he said his father, Roger Red Hat, raised him until he passed on, then his grandmother raised him.

"I had three brothers and one sister, they were all older than I am. I can't remember how old they were or remember their names. I forget once in a while, and things blank off on me," Red Hat squeezed his eyes shut in hopes of regaining his memories. "I was raised out in the country of course and it was simple back then. I lived in Seiling with my father and then we moved to Canton to be with my grandmother. I did go to school at Concho for a little while, until I started having emotional problems on account of my injury. I fell off of my father's horse when I was kid, right on top of my head. The doctor said there was damage to my main vein and told me don't try to think too hard because I may have a seizure or black out and that the injury will make me forgetful."

His speech is halting and his eyes are still tightly closed as he continued.

"I try to be normal … I am very short educated … I try to understand with what ever comes up," Red Hat said. "It was hard on me going to school. My grandmother kind of raised me up. I understood the things she taught me."

Red Hat said he went to school in Concho in about the fifth grade.

"I got too much in my mind about what the people would say to me. I could not learn very well. I had to move out and go with my dad wherever he was working. He worked on building the Canton dam back then. When he passed, I went to my grandmother's and she

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Tribes R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program to host eighth annual family carnival

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' unique program, Recreation, Exercise and Sports for the Elders and Children of our Tribe (R.E.Sp.E.C.T.) is one of a kind in Indian Country.

Since the RE.Sp.E.C.T. Program's inception, the staff has implemented a multifaceted program, that besides the core activities of recreation, exercise, and sports, includes other components, such as wellness, education, and leadership. Building character, citizenship, identity, self-esteem, and improving academics for tribal youth are only a few aspects that the program addresses. The sponsored activities and events also provide opportunities to nurture the youth to become responsible adults and generate unity among tribal members.

The RE.Sp.E.C.T. Program focuses on healthier lifestyles and supportive family relationships. Tribal members are encouraged to participate in physical fitness activities and attend activities to provide support for family members. By encouraging participation in recreational, exercise, sports and related activities, the RE.Sp.E.C.T. Program has become the catalyst for bringing tribal members together.

And the eighth annual Family Fun Night Carnival is another way of bringing tribal families together.

The carnival will be held 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., May 29, 2014 at the Concho ball fields in Concho, Okla. Activities will include inflatables, petting zoo, pony rides, prize drawings and much more.

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program was created by the brainstorming of tribal employees in 2005. Some of them, the current Governor, Eddie Hamilton, Parry RomanNose, Christine Levi and others got together to figure out a way to pull their limited funding together to target youth and elders in the tribal communities. They came up with the acronym, R.E.Sp.E.C.T., which was fitting of tribal culture, respecting the elders and respecting the youth, who were the future leaders of the tribes.

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One of the inflatables from the 2013 Family Fun night hosted by the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program.

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In 2005 the group presented a resolution at the annual Tribal Council meeting and since then the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program has flourished.

They provide assistance with individual league and uniform fees, provide youth camps and sports clinics, and have an athletic shoe program, sponsor walks, runs, summer basketball league, elder outings and more.

For more information about the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program call toll free (800) 247-4612 ext. 27572.

Home school student graduates at age 15

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Jannika Cardwell, 15, holds up her high school diploma from Penn Foster High School. She is making plans to attend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College in the Fall 2014.

When most 15 years olds are thinking about their high school years ahead of them, Jannika Cardwell, is thinking about her college career in the Fall of 2014.

Cardwell, now 16, graduated from Penn Foster High School at the age of 15. She is a home school student, who says she's ready to get on with life.

"I graduated when I was 15 years old. I didn't know when I started the program that I was going to be graduating so early. I guess with the advance classes and everything it just worked out that way. I didn't expect to graduate this early. All my friends said that Penn Foster High School was a really good online high school and you can work around your schedule. At the time I had a part-time job also, so I was working and doing school at the same time." Jannika said. "I started home school in 2012 and I was 14 when I started. I was in the public school system in Weatherford. There is a lot of bullying involved at Weatherford Middle School, teen pregnancies and my parents' were like, if this is middle school I don't even want to see what high school is going to be like."

According to statistics released by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), home school students has grown by almost 300,000 since the last report in 2007. This report was first conducted in 1999, when the NCES found that approximately 850,000 students were home schooled. In 2003, NCES found that this number had grown to 1.1 million, and in 2007, NCES found that 1.5 million students were home schooled.

The new report concludes that approximately 1,770,000 students are home schooled in the United States, 3.4 percent of the school-age population. NCES said that among children who were home schooled, 68 percent are white, 15 percent are Hispanic, 8 percent are black, and 4 percent are Native American.

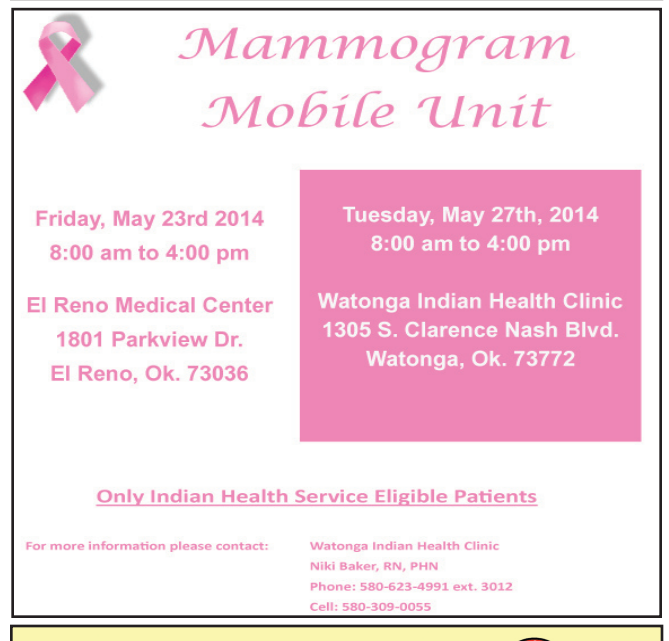
Other interesting facts in the report, when asked why they chose to home school, 91 percent of parents said it was because of a concern about the environment of other schools; 77 percent of parents said it was because of a desire to provide moral instruction; 74 percent of parents said they home school because of their dissatisfaction with academic instruction in other schools. When asked to select the single most important reason for home schooling, 25 percent of parents said it was because of their concern about the environment of other schools.

"I accelerated my studies and achieved my diploma early. Home school can be lonely at times because in the public schools you're around people all the time, your friends and your classmates. In home school it's just you and the desk and you do a lot of work, but there isn't any social interaction, there is no one else there. One good aspect of Penn Foster was it lets you work at your own pace in your own time, I mean you still have to be motivated to get through it, and I thank my parents for that," Jannika said laughing. "Pros and cons, its not easy not having anyone there, I mean you want to have your friends with you and I never thought I would miss riding the bus, but I do. It just gets lonely at times, basically getting used to not having all your friends around you all the time. I am entering college in the fall. I am excited about that. I took honor classes at Penn Foster, web design and I am going to check out the tribal college first to see if they have any of the areas I am interested in. I also really like Anthropology and I know the tribal college offers that, so that's probably what I will do."

She said when people ask her what she wants to do now that she has graduated high school, she tells them she just wants to live out her childhood.

"I don't really want to get a job yet … but I start one on Monday. I know there is life after high school and I might as well start now saving my money for the future, go to the tribal college and begin my life," Jannika said smiling.

Jannika is the daughter of Jeffrey and Erica Cardwell and the granddaughter of Marcy Whiteshield-Cardwell.



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Tribes welcome new gaming commissioner

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

CONCHO, OK-The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Lucky Star Casino welcomes their new Gaming Commissioner, tribal member, Sherry Mackay.

Mackay is the daughter of Daisy Littlehawk McLaughlin and Donnie Lee McLaughlin Sr. She was born in Lawton, Okla.

Mackay graduated high school in Lawton and graduated from Cameron University.

She brings over 17 years of tribal gaming experience to the table and said she is excited about her new role with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

"My main objective is to make sure our casinos are in compliance and stay in compliance with the state, federal and tribal regulations," Mackay said.

Mackay began her casino career as a slot manager at the Chicken Ranch Bingo and Casino in Jamestown, Calif. She was a member of the gaming commission for the Tuolumne Me-Wuk as compliance supervisor in Tuoloumne, Calif. and has held a variety of key positions with many tribes during her gaming career. She also served on the Cheyenne and Arapaho gaming commission from 2009-2010 in Concho, Okla.

"Sherry Mackay brings a wealth of compliance management and gaming experience to this position. With the hiring of Sherry, she will not only ensure effective regulatory and internal control systems, but her 17 year extensive industry knowledge in several critical areas will provide a solid accountability foundation for our casinos," Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Gov. Eddie Hamilton said.

Mackay currently resides in El Reno, Okla. Her hobbies include painting wildlife paintings.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Tribal member, Sherry Mackay will become the new Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Lucky Star Casino Gaming Commissioner.

Tribal youth's art chosen for graduation ceremonies

Submitted article

Hunter Tsatigh's artwork was chosen as the featured art for this year's graduation ceremony.

Hunter is the daughter of Elmer M. Tsatihg and Misty N. Tsatigh, paternal great grand-daughter of Earl L. Littleman Sr. and Ada M. Littleman (White Eagle), paternal grand-daughter of Andrew S. Tsatigh and Earla R. Littleman (Bullcoming), maternal grand-daughter of Louis E. Garnica and Katherine P. Garica (Ledford). Hunter also has three brothers; Elmer P. Tsatigh Jr., Isaac T. Tsatigh, and Nicholas K. Tsatigh.

Hunter is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe. She is 15 years old and currently attends Canton High School in Canton Okla., and is currently on The National Honor Society and attends The Fairview Vo-Tech where she takes art lessons from Linda Rous.

Hunter has always loved to draw and paint since she was a little girl. She also suffers from childhood arthritis. She won her first award in third grade when she entered a contest for The Poison Prevention Contest. She won first place in district and then went on to win first place throughout the United States. Her poster was used in several clinics and other agencies. Hunter has won several awards in entering poster contest.

When she was in seventh grade she was old enough to enter an art contest through the Canton School Art Program taught by Mrs. Hursh. Hunter won an Excellence Award for Standing Watch in Edmond and an Honorable Mention for Spotted Friendship and Honorable Mention in Mooreland, and in Woodward. Second place for a conservation poster. Last year in ninth grade she won a recognition award in Edmond for Mystical Soul, second place for Mystical Soul and a third place in Woodward for Wolf Man (Split Decision). Hunter won a Best Of Show for her Mystical Soul in Mooreland; the youngest at Canton School to win a Best Of Show, first place in the 27th. annual N.W. Oklahoma Town For the Arts for her water color, Mystical Soul, and a second place for Sorrowing Eagle in commercial arts, and a first place for Mystical Soul in the Watonga Cheese Festival.

This year in tenth grade she won, she won first place in Watonga Cheese Festival for Wolf Man (Split Decision), third place for Survival Of The Fittest, and in Woodward she won an Honorable Mention on Cheyenne Warrior, and Tiger in a Chief Head Dress, second place for Ghost Warrior, and she also won a Recognition Award for Ghost Warrior in Edmond. Hunter has won several awards in smaller contests as well. The Canton Lion Club also honored her at a banquet.

Hunter's love of art stems from her own culture and heritage. She likes to paint in pastels, water colors, acrylics and is currently learning oil. She loves to paint animals as well as portraits of Native Americans. Hunter continues to challenge herself and learn different techniques in different medias of paint.

With all her awards Hunter has never lost sight that she is representing herself, her family, and her tribe. Each piece of art she sold, Hunter collected and bought toys for the Toys for Tot program; this year she alone collected ten large trash bags full of toys she donated in Canton as well as other small towns during the Christmas holiday.

Hunter has many people that support her and love her, not only her family but her tribe and her community.

Small Business Day at the Capitol

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Governor, Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Governor, Cornell Sankey attended the 16th annual Small Business Day conference at the Oklahoma State Capiotl, on April 30, 2014.

Hosted by Oklahoma's Lt. Governor, Todd Lamb, the one-day conference provided information on legislative updates for small businesses and small business exporting in today's economy.

Pictured l-r: Cheyenne and Arapaho Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey, Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb and Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Eddie Hamilton.

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Tribal Tidbits

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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members Kendall Kauley and Nick Behand are members of Thunderhill Drum group and winners of the 2013 and 2014 Sothern Challenge contest which is held at the Gathering of Nations powwow in Albuquerque, N.M

Courtesy photos

On May 5, 2014 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Employee Committee hosted a Cinco De Mayo fiesta for tribal employees.

The committee provided a tex-mex lunch for employees, watermelon eating contest, musical chairs and other activities. Prizes included a PlayStation 4, two ipad minis, UR Beats, Beats Solo Hd, 9" dual screen dvd player, Coleman ice-chest, Coleman 6 person tent, foldable charcoal grill, KD backpack, North Face backpack and various gift cards.

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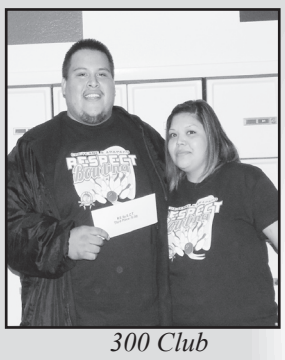

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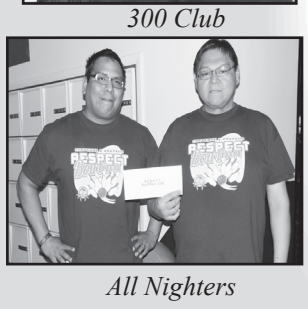
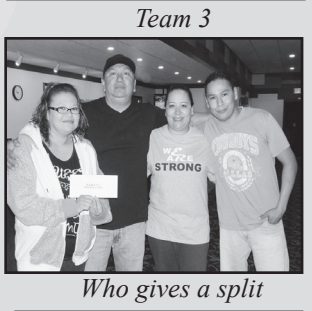


All Nighters

Team 3

Wamp Rats



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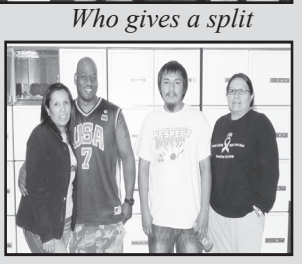

Switchin' Lanes

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Bowling League El Reno winners.

Winners of the league won gift certificates to the El Reno Bowl to redeem for bowling balls, shoes or bowling and food.

The 6 p.m. league winners first place and tournament winners, All Nighters. Team members include Cincinatti Harjo, Edward Sage, Kyle Chibitty and La tang. Second place, Rugged Nuggettz team members were, James Reveles, Jaime Reveles, Michael Woods, and Amber Williamson. Third place, 300 Club team members were Brandon Whiteman, Jerilyn Longknife, Chris Rednose and Joshua Littlebird.

The 8 p.m. league winners, first place and tournament winners were Wamp Rats. Team members include Rick Bear, Max Bear, James Bear, George Rishel and Scott Kasner. Second place, Team 3, team members were Jean Bear, Reggie Island, Dylan Gilbert and Brandon Jenkins. Third place, Who Gives A Split, team members were Michelle Doyebi, Reuben Morales, Gary Worthington and Tracy Rutz.

There will be a Summer league starting on June 2, 2014 and participants in that league will receive free bowling anytime for the duration of the league.

For more information contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program (405) 422-7579.

Legislative News

March Regular Session

The Regular Session for March was held on Saturday March 8. The bills passed were:

- Resolution Authorizing Signatories for Enrollment
- Resolution to Approve the Submission of the Grant Application for the Department of Justice for the Coordinated Tribal Justice Grant

April Regular Session

The Regular Session for April was held on Saturday April 12. The Bills passed were:

- Nomination of William Sankey, Election Commission Arapaho District 4
- A Bill to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Emergency Management Program
- A Bill to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Health Board
- A Bill to Adopt the Building Safety and Efficiency Act

New Bills

Bills placed on the Legislative Calendar for the May session are:

- A Resolution Authorizing Application for the Tribal American Red Cross Shelter Grant Program
- A Resolution Authorizing Application for the Intertribal Herd Development Grant 2014
- A Resolution Authorizing Application for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant
- An Act Establishing Rates for Water Consumption at Concho Reserve
- An Act Amending the Cheyenne and Arapaho Sex Offender Registration Act, 4L-RS-2012-06-005

Attendance

The Legislature holds several Public Hearings throughout the month, both at Concho and at various communities, in order to get feedback from Tribal members regarding Legislative actions. This feedback is extremely important and we want to thank those who attend and those who take this information to their family and friends to discuss. See below for a list of Public Hearings that were held January through April 2014, along with the attendance of each Legislator.

Budget Hearings

The Constitution states the Legislature is to conduct one semi-annual budget assessment and shall have the authority to make appropriate modifications by law. These budget hearings will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout May. Please attend and learn of programs and how they spend Tribal monies for services to Tribal members.

Please contact your Legislator or the Legislative Clerk for additional information. The Legislative Clerk, Ramona Tall Bear can be reached at (405) 422-7778 or by email at rtallbear@c-a-tribes.org.

*=Present

Districts.
C1 Bruce Whiteman
C2 Alan Fletcher
C3 Cheevers Heap of Birds
C4 Kyle Orange
A1 Eugene Mosqueda
A2 Christine Morton
A3 Patrick Spottedwolf
A4 Winslow Sankey

Hearing	Desc	C1	C2	C3	C4	A1	A2	A3	A4
Jan 6	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Jan 11	Regular Session/Concho	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
Jan 14	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Jan 16	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Jan 23	Hearing/Concho	*		*	*	*	*	*	
Jan 30	Special Session/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Feb 8	Regular Session/Concho	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
Feb 13	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Feb 20	Hearing/Concho	*		*			*		
Feb 25	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*		*	*	*	
Feb 27	Hearing/Concho		*	*		*	*	*	
Mar 4	Hearing/Concho	*					*		
Mar 4	Special Session/Concho	*	*	*			*	*	
Mar 6	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*		*	*		
Mar 8	Regular Session/Concho	*		*	*				
Mar 13	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Mar 18	Hearing/Watonga		*				*	*	
Mar 20	Hearing/Concho			*	*		*	*	
Mar 25	Hearing/Seiling	*	*	*		*	*	*	
Mar 27	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*		*	*		
Apr 1	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*	*				
Apr 1	Special Session/Concho	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
Apr 3	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
Apr 15	Hearing/Clinton	*	*			*			
Apr 17	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*		*	*		
Apr 17	Special Session/Concho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Apr 29	Hearing/Concho	*	*			*	*		

A joint Colorado legislative resolution on the Sand Creek Massacre

The Colorado legislature unanimously passed a resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek massacre as a tragedy and spelling out the role of Colonel Chivington, also a Methodist elder, in the slaughter of elderly men, women and children. In addition, it honored Silas Soule, who gave his life to fight against these atrocities, this cold-blooded murder and mutilation of Native Americans in "the power of," and supposedly under the protection of the U.S. army at Ft. Lyon.

This resolution reinforces those adopted earlier this year in Minnesota though the Sand Creek massacre was a unique atrocity, not just a genocidal slaughter killing many civilians as was typical of American ethnic cleansing, but a slaughter of those who had most sought after and had most reason to think they had achieved peace with the United States.

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky who has play a leading role in the turn in the Methodist Church toward recognizing its (and Denver's) responsibility for driving the Cheyennes and Arapahos out of Colorado, writes about the first meeting of Governor Hickenlooper's Sand Creek Massacre Memorial Commission to plan and coordinate other 150th Anniversary events. Chivington led the killing, took no prisoners. But the resolution is silent on the horrific role of Governor John Evans, who fantasized a general Indian war against settlers from late 1863 on and then did everything in his power to provoke one and to identify these determinedly peace-seeking indigenous leaders, notably Black Kettle (Motevato o) as somehow "hostile." A University of Denver Committee on John Evans and Sand Creek (Evans, like Chivington, was on the original board of the Colorado Seminary which became the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology), which I am on, will this year provide a report, which will underline Evans's major role. There is no Mount Chivington here or Chivington, Illinois or Chivington Chapel or Chivington Professors or Chivington Boulevard. But without Evans whose pomp is in inverse relation to what he did, the massacre would not have happened.

"Colorado Governor Hickenlooper has appointed a Sand Creek Massacre Commemoration Commission to plan and coordinate 150th Anniversary events. I am honored to serve as a member of this Commission. The Commission has launched a website where important news and events will be posted sandcreekmassacre150.com. At the first Commission meeting we learned that Monday morning the Colorado Legislature unanimously passed a Joint Resolution concerning the anniversary. If you have heard varying versions of this history and wonder where the truth lies, this resolution represents a consensus of historians, descendants and legislators. It tells the harsh story of that dreadful day.

Senate Joint Resolution 14-030 Concerning Memorializing the Cheyenne and Arapaho People who Lost their Lives During the Sand Creek Masacre, Honoring their Descendants and Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of that Tragic Event.

WHEREAS, On November 29, 1864, approximately 675 United States soldiers under the command of Colonel John Chivington killed more than 200 Cheyenne and Arapaho villagers, mostly elderly men, women, and children, approximately 180 miles southeast of Denver near Eads, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Despite assurance from American negotiators that they would be safe, and despite Cheyenne Chief Black Kettle raising both a United States flag and a white flag as symbols of peace, Colonel Chivington ordered his troops to take no prisoners and to pillage and set the village ablaze, violently forcing the ambushed and outnumbered Cheyenne and Arapaho villagers to flee on foot; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Chivington and his troops paraded mutilated body parts of men, women, and children in downtown Denver, Colorado, in celebration of the massacre; and

WHEREAS, Captain Silas Soule, commander of Company D, 1st Colorado Cavalry, remains a symbol of bravery, as he pleaded with his commander Colonel Chivington not to attack the peaceful villagers, refused to order his soldiers to participate in the massacre, alerted the United States Congress and the public to the massacre that it might be investigated, testified in Army hearings against his commander, and later was assassinated for his efforts to illuminate the truth; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Joseph Cramer, commander of Company K, also stood with Captain Soule, as did at least 100 other soldiers, in refusing to follow orders to participate in the massacre, and Lieutenant Cramer also notified authorities by letter of the atrocities he witnessed that day and testified before an Army commission; and

WHEREAS, The Sand Creek Massacre was a tragedy of worldwide importance and continues to impact the sovereign Tribal nations whose ancestors were massacred that tragic day; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Senate Joint Resolution 99-017 added an interpretive plaque to the Civil War monument outside the State Capitol, explaining the mischaracterization of the Sand Creek Massacre as a battle and the people of Colorado's struggle to interpret and take responsibility for the past; and

WHEREAS, The National Park Service established, by an act of Congress, the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, which opened in April 2007 to preserve and protect the physical and cultural landscape of the massacre and to enhance public awareness and understanding; and

WHEREAS, The Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana, the Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma organized the annual Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run in 1999 that begins in Eads, Colorado, and ends on the steps of the State Capitol, to remember what the Cheyenne and Arapaho people endured and to honor those killed; and

WHEREAS, Healing from such tragedy requires, in part, recognition of and redress for the tragedy, and efforts have been made both to help educate the public about the massacre and to teach respect for diverse cultures in order to better understand and learn from the past; and

WHEREAS, Educating the public about the Sand Creek Massacre and people like Captain Silas Soule and Lieutenant Joseph Cramer who stood up for justice encourages people to stand up against injustices now and prevent tragedies such as this in the future; and

WHEREAS, November 29, 2014, is the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre, and the State of Colorado recognizes the lives that were lost and that healing from this devastating event must continue; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hickenlooper issued Executive Order B 2014-003 on March 17, 2014, establishing the Sand Creek Massacre Commemoration Commission to plan and prepare events for the 150th anniversary of the massacre that respect and memorialize the Cheyenne and Arapaho people and their ancestors, promote cross-cultural understanding, and educate the public about the massacre and the events surrounding it so such atrocities can be prevented in the future; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the General Assembly, acknowledge the devastation caused by the Sand Creek Massacre and seek to raise public awareness about the tragic event, the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, and events surrounding it.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor Eddie Hamilton of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; Chairman Darrell O'Neal, Sr., of the Northern Arapaho Business Council; President Llevando Fisher of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council; Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia; and the Sand Creek Massacre Commemoration Commission.

Graduation

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this year's celebration was Dr. Heather Shotton, Assistant Professor in Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma (OU). She congratulated the Cheyenne and Arapaho students for pushing forward, being strong and steadfast in accomplishing the first of many goals they will have in their lives.

"This is your evening and you should be so proud of yourselves. Beyond you as individuals and your individual accomplishments of graduating from high school and college I would like to acknowledge your families, so whoever is with you tonight, your mom or dad, grandma, grandpa or auntie, brother, sister whoever it may be. If all of you graduates would take a moment to turn to tell them thank you," Shotton said.

Shotton received her doctorate in Adult Higher Education from OU in 2008. Her research focuses on addressing issues of Native American student success in postsecondary education. She has served as co-editor for the book *Beyond the Asterisk: Understanding Native Students in Higher Education*. She was the past president for the National Education Association and is on the board of directors for the Oklahoma City Indian Health Clinic and was recently awarded with the Native American 40 under 40 awards from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

"As a college professor one of the greatest things I get to experience is every spring I witness OU graduates walk across that stage and more importantly I get to meet their families and shake their hands to tell them thank you for sharing their son or daughter with our university. The role that our families play is very important in the foundation that they set for us," Shotton said. "So families I say thank you for what you have done to make such strong Cheyenne and Arapaho men and women and for setting a future for all of us and for the role that you have played in your children's lives."

A special recognition for honored educator, Funston Whiteman, followed Shotton's address.

Whiteman, Cheyenne name Bullcoming Up, named by his late grandmother, Ida Mae Whiteman, currently works for Shawnee Middle School as the assistant principal. He is married to Alicia Whiteman and they have three children, Ethan, Ella and Esme. In 1996, he graduated from Seiling High School and entered the U.S. Marines receiving an honorable discharge in May of 2000. As a Marine, Whiteman was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps. Achievement Medal and he attained the rank of Sergeant.

Whiteman aspired to become a school guidance counselor when he attended the University of Utah from 2003 to 2005. He and his wife moved back to Oklahoma and he began working as a teacher at Crooked Oak Middle School. After his first year he was named the Teacher of the Year and Masonic Lodge's Teacher of Today awards along with completing his Master's degree in American Indian leadership in School Administration.

Whiteman began his Principalship at John Marshall high school, two years later he began his doctoral work at OU.

"Wow. I don't know if a lot of people understand the significance of this award. The only thing that I can think of is when Sterling Shepard scored one of the touchdowns before half time and the Alabama fans were like wow. That's how I feel," he said referring to being the honored educator. "One does not go into education for nine years and get this award. It just does not happen that way. One serves the public and their tribe for 20 or 30 years to receive this award."

Whiteman said he was very humbled, because there were veteran educators in the room that he felt deserved the award more than he did.

"I want to accept this award on behalf all the educators here tonight and this does mean a lot to me, thank you. All of this would not be possible if it was not for my mother and father, they mean so much to me and of course my wife, who has supported me throughout my career in education," Whiteman said.

Gordon Yellowman, interim executive director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Education Program, honored Whiteman with a Pendleton blanket.

In closing the ceremony college and high school graduates were given keepsakes, $150 and awarded with certificates.

Brandon Moreno, one of the Cheyenne and Arapaho college graduates carried a 4.0 GPA and will graduate with honors from DeVry University. He drove from Texas to join in the celebration.

"I worked for seven years in a job that I hated. I stayed at the job for so long because I got to work with my father and my brother. That at least made it bearable. However, after years of the situation getting worse and worse, I decided that a change in life was needed so I decided to go back to school. I had previously attended OU right out of high school, but I let the distractions get in the way and I dropped out after two years. I spent the next year after year working menial jobs until I decided that I needed to turn my life around and build an actual career," Moreno said.

He said he became highly motivated by his failure at OU as well as hating his life (career-wise) up to that point and that he used that failure to serv as his primary motivation.

"That's why I pushed myself, made sacrifices, gave up personal time, gave up time with family, even missed the birth of my niece. I wanted to show the world that a Cheyenne man is just as capable of reaching the stars and achieving greatness as anyone else. I pushed myself and put forth my best foot forward every single day. As a result a Fortune 500 energy company recruited me, while I was still in school. I am still working for the company, although I have just taken a new position that I will start in a week that will allow me to continue to grow my IT career as well as a very healthy raise. I truly feel like the sky is the limit for me. Had I stuck with my obligations when I was younger, I could already be further than I am now, but at least, I finally have my life on track at the age of 31," Moreno said. "There are two lessons that can be learned from this. One, don t make the same mistakes I did when I was young at the age of 19 and had a full ride to OU. Take advantage of your youth and set your own path. Your choices are yours alone. Make the right ones. The second lesson is that it is never too late to get your life back on track if you have fallen wayward. Before I went back to school, I was lost in hopelessness and despair. I spent so much time mulling over the regrets of my past. But I decided to do something about it. That's the biggest thing you can do: make that choice to change your life for the better. I did and now, I couldn't be happier with my life."

Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education counselor, Wanda Whiteman, wraps a Pendelton blanket around the shoulders of graduate, Brandon Moreno at the Cheyenne and Arapaho graduation banquet on May 7, 2014. Moreno is a straight A honor student, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA from DeVry University.

Life's Journeys

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raised me up. When I was in the sixth grade I left the government school to live with her. I could hardly understand what they had in those books and I could not write. Instead I started doing artwork and drawing pictures," he said.

Red Hat stood a little hunched over walking slowly to a cabinet, to pull a folder of a few of his paintings and drawings he kept to help him remember of what he once loved to do.

"That is what I used to do as well as wood work and dance," Red Hat smiled and nodded his head. "I am not very well educated and I did not go to high school. When I was at my grandmother's the Canton bus would pick me up and take me to school. That is when I started learning what they were trying to teach me, schooling stuff. I have tried to hold on to whatever they taught, but my short mind always got in the way so after my seventh grade I did not go back to school. I may be forgetful, but I am still trying to hold on to what things others say to me."

As he spoke of his dancing days Red Hats' wrinkles on his face seem to fade away for a moment.

"I danced at powwows. Oh I felt good. I was small when I started dancing. That was a small thing I could do," Red Hat said. "When I was about fourteen I started dancing hard and going to far places with my relations and friends. I would get my fan and my roach, put my Indian costume on, ya … I liked to do that. Now I am kind of blocked from doing whatever I try to do. I would like to go to a Hand Game and a gourd dance. I have a gourd it is a small one. I use to have a large gourd that made a large sound. The one that I got now only makes a small sound."

Red Hat began flipping the pages of a photo album filled with images of himself dressed in colorful regalia, playing bingo, making a bench and just hanging out with friends and family.

"That one there must be one of my relations, I kind of forget who they are to me. That is me playing bingo … oh … there I am in my Indian costume. I can barely get around now, boy I really miss getting out and going to dances," Red Hat said. "That is me doing my wood work. Living with my grandmother I had to do wood chopping. That is when I started to just make anything out of wood."

Red Hat never received training in hand tool woodworking. He was fascinated with the craft of woodworking and developed many of his skills he used over the years in his craftsmanship.

"I am fascinated by trees and wood and working with wood that has a story. I really liked making my benches, birdhouses and just anything out of wood. I have made a lot of benches for people. I don't know where they all went to now, but I did make a lot of benches," Red Hat softly said as he put a cap on sitting half way on his head to go outside and sit under a tree. "Oh it is a beautiful day, I don't like the cold weather because it keeps me cooped up inside."

Making his way to go outside he remembered when he stayed at the Thomas Nursing Center.

"When I lived over in Thomas, I had all my equipment and still made my benches. They let me do my woodwork outside, when I was moved here to Geary all of my equipment disappeared. I don't know what they did with it. That is why I had to quit my wood work," Red Hat said. "I use to do all kinds of woodwork for people, ya … I used to do that, but it has all kind of drifted off from me. Since this is a small town, I cannot even get any wood to make a birdhouse, or a bench, just something like that. So I just try to think on what I used to do with my hands. I am not well educated enough to get around," Red Hat put his hand on the back of his head. "I have to calm down now on my thinking of what I used to do. It kind of hurts me."

Puffing on a cigarette he sat very still and said. "I guess I am not really where I want to be, I don't even have any home to go to anymore. The only place I got is here in these rest homes. I have had to take medications my whole life to help level me off. I may have one of them black outs. I don't try to think on anything that is hard, I would rather be normal and do the things that I like to do, like wood work and all that."

Red Hat said he could just barely do small things today.

"I am kind of lost out on my memories from way back there on what I used to do," Red Hat said. "Since I came here I can't work on my woodwork. I don't know what to do. I just sit here and watch TV that is about all I do.

He said his cousin, Frankie Lime, from Woodward visits him occasionally.

"No one else but her visits with me. All my relatives are just about gone," Red Hat softly said. "I am getting tired now and I can't very well think that hard because I am kind of short minded," Red Hat softly said as he stood slowly to reach for his walker to stroll back inside to his room. "I try to hold on to what I can do. I miss the things that I used to do. I really want to do some woodwork, but I need to get my saw and a bunch of nails to put things together. I really miss it … I really do miss it."

Today, Eugene Red Hat calls Geary Nursing Center his home. He spends his time trying to hold on to the memories locked away inside his mind.

Sitting back in his room in front of his television he spoke of his appreciation of all his family and friends that have helped him with over the years.

"Oh I have had so many friends over my life, they all have been good to me and I try to be right to them," Red Hat closed his eyes and leaned his head into his recliner to rest. "I need to pause it right there, because I can't do the things that I like to do. It kind of gets me upset."

Eugene Red Hat painting one of his many wooden benches he would create by hand during his younger years.

Red Hat looked as if he was in need of rest and seemed to have lost interest on sharing his life's memories, yet he was able to bring back to his mind the names of his siblings.

"My brother's name was Henry, Jasper was my other brother he was the oldest, my sister's name was ugh, I think it was Norma or something like that. Of course they drifted off from me when I was a kid. I did have a smaller brother; I did not even know his name. There were four of us boys and the girl," Red Hat said. "Of course my relations, I can't even think of them all now. I got some in Woodward and Canton. They have all been good to me. The Limes and Red Hats are down there in Canton, my dad's family."

Red Hat currently has three small boxes of pre-made birdhouse kits that a man from Clinton brought him sitting on his handcrafted table just waiting for him to complete.

"I don't know the man's name, but he came from Clinton to bring these crafts for me to do. I just need some paints and glue so that I can put them together."

And with that Red Hat quietly drifted off to sleep, dreaming of days long gone.

EATING well for DIABETES

Grilling & Bacteria

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

With the warm weather season upon us, families get together and outdoor grilling is common. Did you know bacteria that cause food poisoning multiply the quickest in the "Danger Zone" between 40 and 140 degrees?

Follow these tips to keep your family safe:

• Use a thermometer- cooked food is safe only after it's been heated to a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria. Color and texture alone will not tell you whether your food is done, so use a thermometer to be sure.

• Keep food hot after cooking (140°F or above)-The possibility of bacterial growth actually increases as food cools after cooking because of the drop in temp allows bacteria to thrive. You can keep your food above the safe temperature zone of 140 degrees by using a heat source like a chafing dish, warming tray or slow cooker.

• Microwave food thoroughly (to 165°F)-to make sure harmful bacteria have been killed in your foods. It's important to microwave all foods to 165° or higher.

• Bacteria can grow on in perishable foods within two hours unless you refrigerate them. If the temperature is 90° or above it can in less than one hour.

• Never thaw food or marinate on counter.

• Know when to throw out food.

Here's a quick guide on cooking temperatures:

Poultry 165°

Steaks 145°

Beef, Pork, Lamb and Veal 160°

Egg Dishes, leftovers and casseroles 165°

For more information on keeping your food safe contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27685.

Food Storage Guidelines:

Food	Refrigerate	Freezer time
Uncured Ham	3 to 5 days	6 months
Cured Ham	5 to 7 days or use by date	3 to 4 months
Cooked Ham vacuum sealed	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
Eggs in shell	3 to 5 weeks	Yolks do not freeze well
Hard cooked eggs	1 week	Do not freeze
Pies and Quiche	3 to 4 days	After baking 1 to 2 months
Lunchmeat	2 weeks or use by date	1 to 2 months
Hot Dogs Opened	1 week	1 to 2 months
Hamburger	1 to 2 days	3 to 4 months
Fresh Veal, Beef, Lamb/Pork	3 to 5 days	4 to 12 months
Chicken or Turkey	1 to 2 days	1 year

Haskell regents approve student fee increase

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) Students at Haskell Indian Nations University will pay more student fees next year as the school seeks increased revenue to boost services on campus.

The Lawrence Journal-World reports that Haskell's regents on Wednesday approved a one-time fee increase from the current $265 to $700 in the fall. The increase was requested by members of Haskell's Student Senate.

Haskell is a federal university that is managed through the Bureau of Indian Education and governed by a board of regents.

University leaders say the additional fees will help operations after federal budget cuts in 2013. President Venida Chenault said several staff positions were left vacant because of the cuts.

Native American film festival planned for June

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) _ The city of Bartlesville is hosting a Native American-themed film festival next month.

The Oklahoma Indian Summer Native Film Festival will be held in conjunction with OKMozart June 14 at Theatre Bartlesville.

The festival will feature the screening of the documentary *Playground of the Native Son* that tells the story of the 1920s Hominy Indians football team. The festival will also screen other American Indian films, including, *The Cherokee Word for Water*, about Wilma Mankiller, the first and only female chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Tickets for the festival are $20. Films can also be screened individually for $10.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes CHR Program Mobile Van Screening
Wednesday May 28, 2014
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thomas Education Bldg.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Weatherford Indian Baptist Church
Blood Glucose & Blood Pressure Checks

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transportation Safety Program (TSP) will be collaborating with the BIA Law Enforcement and the C-A Tribal Security for the National *Click It or Ticket* campaign that will begin on May 19, 2014 thru June 1, 2014

The TSP will be conducting safety check points within the Tribal communities located at Concho, Watonga and Clinton to ensure the use of seat belts. Tribal members and Tribal employees are encouraged to practice seat belt safety especially during the Memorial Day weekend.

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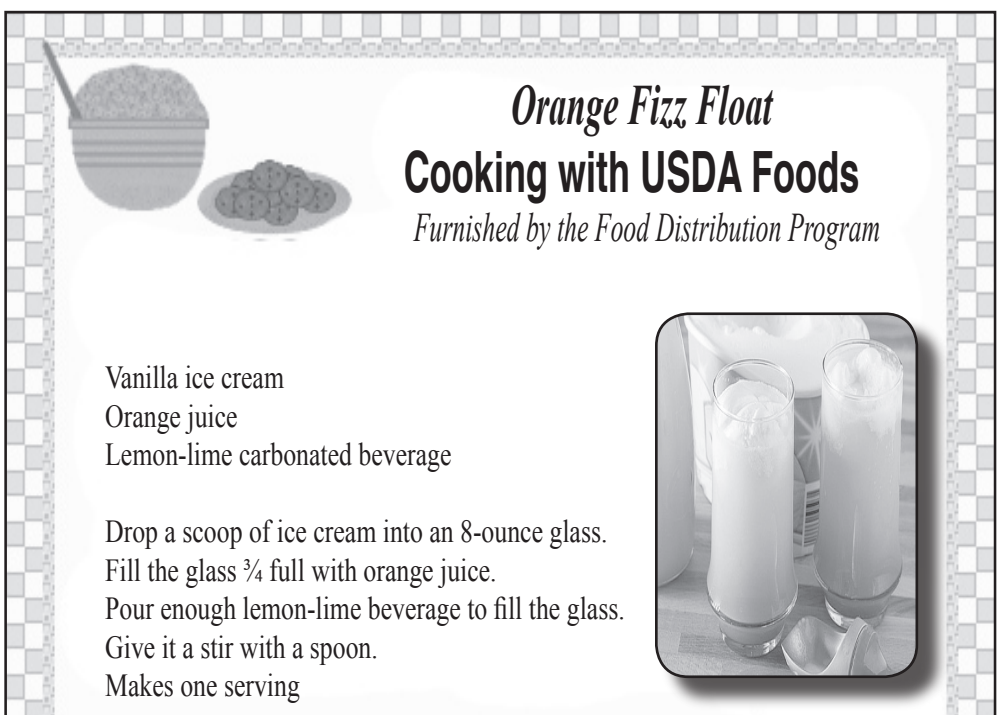

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Drop a scoop of ice cream into an 8-ounce glass.
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Pour enough lemon-lime beverage to fill the glass.
Give it a stir with a spoon.
Makes one serving

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Princess Coronation Dance

3 p.m., May 17, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information contact Christine Morton at (405) 422-7919.

Soldier Honor Dance for Trevor Aguilar and Verna Warden

May 24, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m. Co-hosted by Mike and Sara Lamebull. Flying WWII Veteran, Frank Charlie Reynold's Flag. Special invitation to all Dog Soldiers and all Society Brothers to attend. Everyone welcomed.

The 42nd annual Red Moon Powwow

May 24 - 26, 2014 in Hammon, Okla. For more information contact Cheryl Carter at (580) 275-8387, Rosemary Armendariz at (580) 339-0844, Shannon Reyes at (580) 323-0056 or Joyce Bullcoming at (405) 740-1038.

Graduation Dance for Kyle Allen Birdshead

May 24, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Christina Birdshead at (580) 786-7406.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes CHR Program's Mobile Van Screening

Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Thomas Education building in Thomas, Okla., and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Weatherford Indian Baptist Church in Weatherford, Okla. For more information contact Juanita Trout at (405) 422-7670.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T.'s eighth annual Family Carnival Night

6 p.m. - 9 p.m., May 29, 2014 at the Concho ballfields in Concho, Okla. For more information or to voluntteer call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

Dr. Henrietta Mann's 80th Birthday Dance

May 31, 2014 at the Hommon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Gourd dancing begins at 2 p.m., meal served at 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Red Moon powwow committee. Special invitations to the Red Moon Service Club, Rod Moon Gourd Clan and Washita Battle staff members. For more information contact Wanda Whiteman at (405) 626-2228 or Cheryl Miles at (580) 275-8387.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Princess Coronation Dance

3 p.m., May 31, 2014 at the Concho community center in Concho, Okla. Princesses will be crowned for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow, come and enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing with the sponsors. For more information contact Melvin Miles (405) 200-5052.

Graduation Honor Dance for Dr. Tony Battese

May 31, 2014 at the Comanche Community Center in Apache, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., followed by War dance at 7 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

Soldier Dance Honoring Master at Arms 2nd Class Hannah Shahlyela Sheridan

June 1, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Dinner served at 4 p.m., dance to follow. Honoring feast provided by Hannah's 87 year old great grandmother, Ruby Sheridan Bushyhead. Everyone invited to attend.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program's Sports & Fitness Camp

June 23-26, 2014 at the RomanNose State Park in Watonga, Okla. Grades 5-8. Check in Monday, 12 p.m., June 23, check out Thursday, 12 p.m., June 26. Applications due by June 13, 2014. Taking the first 50 girls and first 50 boys. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570, 27572 or 27585.

The 83rd annual American Indian Expo

Aug. 6-9, 2014 at the Caddo County Fairgrounds in Anadarko, Okla. Parades will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 9 in downtown Anadarko. Arts and crafts, food vendors in the Baldwin building from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Nightly dance competitions, camp contest, fry bread contest, archery compeition, hand games and more. Daily Gourd dancing from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. For more information contact Yonie Terry at (580) 483-5095.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Strategies for Working with Youth in Indian Country

May 19-21, 2014 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Elder Care for Native American and Alaska Native Communities and Organizations

May 22-23, 2014 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Annual Medicine Ways Conference

May 23-24, 2014 at the University of California in Riverside, Calif. For more information visit www.nasp.ucr.edu.

Midwest Gaming Summit

June 2-3, 2014 at the Westin Rosemont in O'Hare, Ill. For more information visit www.MidwestGamingSummit.com.

Indian Self-Determination Act: Contracting and Compacting Under P.L. 93-638

June 3-4, 2014 at the National Indian Program Training Center in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

National American Indian Housing Council 2014 Conference

June 3-5, 2014 in Kansas City, MO. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

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June 8-11, 2014 in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Supervision and Management Skills: Leadership in the Tribal Workplace

June 11-12, 2014 at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, OR. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Native American Economic Development and Energy Projects Conference

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The National Native Media Conference

July 10-13, 2014 in Santa Clara, Calif. For more information visit www.naja.com.

The second annual Indian Housing Training Conference

Aug. 19-21, 2014 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa, Okla. For more information visit www.nativelearningcenter.com.

Happy Birthday

Congratulations

MaKayla Pawnee is graduating from the 6th grade at Calumet School May 19. She is an honor roll student, on the first five on the school basketball team and won WNBAA basketball tournament with the lady warriors this year. She also plays soccer for the El Reno Xtreme.

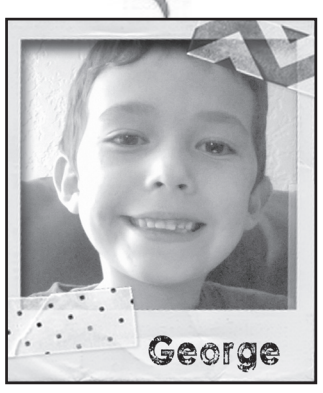
I would like to take this time to say a very special Happy Birthday to my little brother Todd. I love you with all my heart, no matter what. You're my best friend and partner in crime Love, your big sis, Courtney

Like to wish my sister Myrina "Poca" Black a Happy Birthday May 17 From your big brother

I would like to tell Amber DaGreat Happy Birthday and big love and respect! Always and forever to the dirt Love, Francis Kaulaity

Happy Birthday to my husband, our father, our grandfather From all your family in Geary

Wishing our daddy, Markus Gaines a very Happy Birthday! We love you too much, your girls, Hazel G and Harper



Happy Birthday George May 11 From mommy, Jaimee, Jazzy, and baby Joyce We love you!!

Happy Birthday grandpa Phil! May 10 You are the best ever, love you Jacob, Jonah, Marley, and Illianna

We would like to wish my dad a Happy 55th Birthday, Thank you for always being there. Hope you have a good one! We love you Georgia and Basil

Happy Birthday to my dad Phillip Black May 10 Love, Frank, Amy, Aria, Sophia, and baby Frank!

Lydia Hamilton Happy Mother's Day 2014 We love you so much, your grandbabies do too! Thank you for everything you have done for us and then some! You are a wonderful mom and we wouldn't change anything about it. Hope your day is filled with happiness. We may have dislikes and arguments but at the end of the day you're still our mom and we love you so. Love you to the moon and back and around the universe, your kids Leah, Gracie, Desiree, Will, Justin, and your grandbabies Carlina, Cayli, Lil G, King, Araceli, Marsiol, Nayeli, Ellianna, baby Will II and your new unborn grandbaby.

Happy Birthday Patrick We love you From your family in Geary

We would like to recognize and congratulate our dad, Alvin Basil Williams Pollock on being accepted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. We are so very proud of you on working towards your degree, thank you for taking these steps to better yourself for us. We appreciate that you make time for us, even with you working full-time and being a full-time student. Happy Belated Birthday March 26 and Happy early Fathers Day!! We love you so much and are very proud of your accomplishments!! Jacob, Jonah, Marley, Illianna and your loving wife Georgia

I would like to wish my beautiful daughter Taya Marie Whiteshirt a very Happy 9th Birthday, May 3

I would also like to wish my handsome son Aldan Ray Whiteshirt a Happy 11th Birthday. May 18 From your mom, Kimberly

Announcing the marriage of Stanton Pewewardy to Roberta Ann Whiteshield, on March 25, 2014 in Lawton, Okla. Performing the ceremony was Reverend Willie J. Doyeto. Stanton is Comanche, Kiowa. Roberta is Cheyenne.

Congratulations

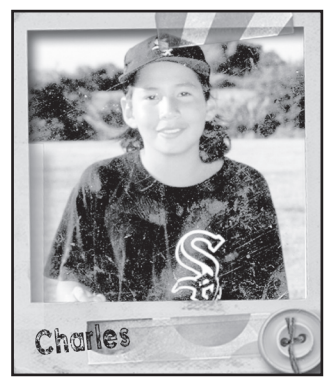
To our baby girl Illiana Breeze Pollock on graduating from Concho Head Start! We love you so much and are very proud of you! Jonah, Jacob, Marley, mom and dad!

Happy 11th Birthday Marcus Sankey We Love you and can't wait until summer! Grandma Virginia, mom , Fritz, Marcella and Silas and the rest of your family

Congratulations

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal water plant operator, Kevin Esaon would like to congratulate his daughter Summer Eason, graduating with a Bachelor's of Sociology degree at Oklahoma State University I love you, way to go baby, dad

Happy Birthday Brother Justin Hamilton May 15 Me and my kids are blessed to have a brother and a uncle as wonderful as you. We hope your birthday is filled with joy, and happiness. May all your dreams come true! Love you always and forever ya sis Leah, nieces Carlina and Cayli, nephews Lil G and King.



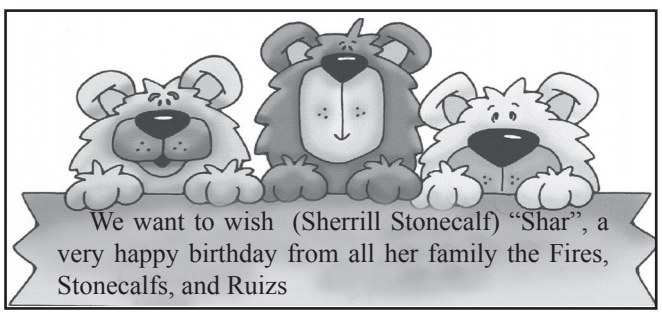
Charles Brady Gray May 28 Happy 34th Birthday Charles Brady! We pray that God is with you always and that He guides and directs your path. We love you! Take care of yourself and Isha. Charles is a single father raising his daughter, Isha who is 7 years old. Please pray for them. Thank you! Your family, the Grays, grandma Beulah, mom, Carmen, Jinxie (Cecil), Hauli, baby Glory, Isha, Mikey, Lacey, baby Breanna, Emily and C.J.

Congratulations

Christina Marie Matanane! It seems like yesterday you were born and now you're graduating from Mcloud High School. We are so proud of you! We watched you grow up and become the woman that you are today. We will always love you and be here to support you in all you do. Many prayers and love from your family the Manatane's. We hope the best for your endeavors, Christina Marie Matanane, our daughter, niece, aunt, and sister. We love you!

Happy Birthday Amanda White-Blackwolf I love and miss you very much From your dad, A.C. Blackwolf

Happy Birthday Betty Jo Blackwolf I love and miss you very much Your brother, A.C.



We want to wish (Sherrill Stonecalf) "Shar", a very happy birthday from all her family the Fires, Stonecalfs, and Ruizs

In Loving Memory of Carrie Sue Hamilton Jan. 3, 1975 May 14, 2013

God looked around His garden and He found an empty place. He looked down upon earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering. He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb, so He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You will and are truly missed every day sister, you will forever be in our hearts!

Love always and forever dad Francis, mom Lydia, sisters Leah, Gracie and Desiree, brothers Will, Justin and Sean and all your nieces and nephews.

Obituaries

In Loving Memory Lorraine Marie Campbell July 7, 1960 – April 26, 2014

A wake service for Lorraine Marie Campbell was held on May 2, 2014 at the Watonga Multi Purpose Building.

The funeral service was held on May 3, 2014 at the Watonga multi Purpose Building.

In Loving Memory Leland Friday June 23, 1941 – April 29, 2014

A wake service for Leland Friday was held on May 1, 2014 at the Guardian Funeral Chapel in Oklahoma City.

The funeral service was held on May 2, 2014 at the Guardian Funeral Chapel in Oklahoma City.

In Loving Memory Antonio Enrico Jimenez June 13, 1976 – April 13, 2014

A prayer service was held for Antonio Enrico Jimenez on April 29, 2014 at the Smith Funeral Chapel in Anadarko, Okla.

The funeral service was held April 30, 2014 at the Christ Our Savior Pentecostal Church in Anadarko, Okla.

In Loving Memory Alexander Ritcher Dec. 28, 1972 – May 2, 2014

Funeral services were held for Alexander Ritcher on May 7, 2014 at the Living Love Christian Center in Shawnee, Okla. Followed by an Interment in Little, Okla.

In Loving Memory Alisa Kristine Sage Nov. 8, 1979 – May 6, 2014

A wake service was held for Alisa Kristine Sage on May 9, 2014 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held on May 10, 2014 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.

In Loving Memory Derek K. Welbourne April 29, 1973 – May 2, 2014

A wake service was held for Derek K. Welbourne on May 6, 2014 at the Lockstone Funeral Chapel in Weatherford, Okla.

Funeral services were held on May 7, 2014 at the Weatherford Baptist Church in Weatherford, Okla.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Warehouse I, Food Distribution Program
Watonga, OK
Closing: May 19, 2014

Qualifications:

High School Diploma or GED certificate. Must be able to do moderate to heavy lifting. Must pass a physical examination. Must have demonstrated ability to operate PC computer. Oklahoma CDL's preferred, forklift operator's license. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license and forklift operator's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho Preference.

SALARY: Dependent on qualifications.

Clinton Casino Hiring

Blackjack dealers three (3) positions, shifts will vary, training available. Security two (2) positions for overnight shift 11p.m.-7 a.m. Drop one (1) position, shift is 5a.m. –1p.m.

Lucky Star Casino is an Equal Opportunity Employer and reserves the right to exercise Indian preference in any and all determinations for employment, training, promotion or transfers.

Applications will be received until positions are filled. Contact Heather in HR department in person at Lucky Star Casino 10347 N. 2274 Rd. Clinton, OK 73601 or by phone (580) 323-6599.

Maintenance Supervisor
Lucky Star Casino-Watonga
Closing May 20, 2014

Security Supervisor
Lucky Star Casino-Watonga
Closing May 20, 2014

Qualified applicants should submit his/her resume/employment application along with CDIB to Lucky Star Casino-Watonga HR Office, Attn: Eva LeFlore at 1407 S. Clarence Nash Blvd., Watonga, OK 73772 or to elflore@luckystarcasino.org .

Current Lucky Star/Feather Warrior Casino employees who are interested should submit his/her resume and letter of interest Lucky Star Casino-Watonga HR Office, Attn: Eva LeFlore at 1407 S. Clarence Nash Blvd., Watonga, OK 73772 or to elflore@luckystarcasino.org .

For more information, contact the Watonga HR office at (580) 623-7333 ext. 44917.

Cook
Elderly Nutrition,
Clinton, OK
Closing: May 5, 2014

Qualifications:

Experience in meal preparation for at least sixty (60) people. Experience in menu planning. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license. Experience in inventory control and stock reordering. Knowledge of State and Tribal health regulations. Ability to speak or understand the Cheyenne and Arapaho dialects. Prefer fifty-five (55) years of age. Cheyenne and Arapaho Preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Concho Casino Hiring

Cooks three (3) positions. Two (2) 1st shift and one (1) 2nd shift. Vault one (1) position for 2nd shift. Cashier two (2) positions for 2nd shift. Technician one (1) position for 2nd shift. Players Club two (2) positions for 2nd shift. Maintenance four (4) positions available, two (2) for 3rd shift and two (2) for 1st shift.

Applications are accepted at the Cheyenne and Arapaho E.O.T.S. office and the Lucky Star HR office.

Canton Casino Hiring

Player's Club two (2) positionsshift varies. Deli Bar Cashier two (2) positions shift varies. Security seven (7) positioins. one 1st shift, one overnight, five 2nd shift. Hostess #2 (2) two 2nd shift. Surveillance one (1) position shift varies. Machine Technician three (3) positions shift varies.

Qualified applicants should submit his/her resume/employment application, CDIB to the HR Department-Canton at PO BOX 638, Canton, OK, 73724. Current Lucky Star/Feather Warrior Casino employees who are interested should submit his/her resume and letter of interest to HR Department-Canton.

For more information-please contact HR office at (580) 886-2490. Applications will be received until filled.

Videographer/Editor
CATV-47
Closing:Until Filled

Qualifications:

Minimum: High school diploma or equivalent and one or more years work experience (includes higher education course/lab work). Prefer Bachelor's degree in Communications/Broadcasting/Radio-TV- Film/Engineering or related fields.

Posses excellent videography and editing skills and a keen awareness of screen composition, video quality, audio quality, and lighting aesthetics. Highly organized, independent worker with good communication skills, good interpersonal skills, and problem-solving abilities. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

SALARY: Negotiable

Closed Captioning Transcriptionist/ Video File Librarian
CATV47
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

College degree preferred. Minimum requirement, high school diploma or GED equivalent. Two years experience as a transcriptionist is preferred. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Reliable vehicle. Great attitude and work ethic. Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Treasurer
Department of Treasury
Closing: Until filled

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting or Business Administration. Preferred Certified Public Accountant. Proficient knowledge and use of Sage MIP, and Abila Accounting Software. Strong relationship builder, constantly being a progress builder, with highly developed strengths in highly sensitive and political environments. Must adhere to a routine schedule when complying with procedures and protocol while possessing interpersonal skills. Thrive on creating structure while managing in a highly flexible environment. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference (with qualifications and experience) or Native American preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Preventive Heat & Air Systems Check For tribal Elders 55 years and older

Please call Economic Development at (405) 422-7466 to schedule your system check today.

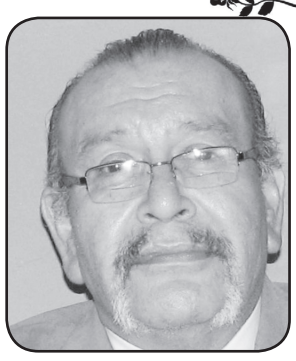
SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL PRINCESSES

An invitation to all princesses is extended to attend the Cultural Sharing Event, June 23-25, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Okla. for the 21st annual Children's Behavioral Health Conference.

The Cultural Sharing Event will be held Monday, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. June 23.

Please confirm your attendance by May 30, 2014 by contacting Lucinda Myers at (405) 522-6810 or by email, lmyers@odmhsas.org.

Obituary



In Loving Memory
Norman Frank Sheridan Sr.
Aug. 27, 1950 – May 9, 2014

An all night wake service was held for Norman Frank Sheridan Sr. on May 12, 2014 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held on May 13, 2014 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.

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In The Matter Of The Application Of:
ANGELA BLIND
DOB: 09/24/72
ROLL #07997
To Change Her Name
Case No: CIV-2014-0037

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that ANGELA BLIND has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change, as follows, to wit: from ANGELA BLIND to ANGELA BLIND TERRONEZ and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the **18th** day of **JUNE, 2014.** at **10:00 A.M.** and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 12TH day of MAY, 2014.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
ANGELA BLIND
2621 KERRY LANE
EL RENO, OK 73036

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
S.R.H. DOB: 02-10-2011
P.B.H. DOB: 02-10-2011
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Children.
And Concerning:
Brandon C. Harrison, Respondent Father.
Case No. JFJ-2011-0013

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Brandon Cody Harrison

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Motion has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor children are neglected or dependent children and abandoned by their legal father, Brandon Cody Harrison, and that said father has failed to correct the conditions of neglect or dependency, and requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationships between said children and their legal father, Brandon Cody Harrison, all as more fully set out in the attached Motion.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 17th day of June, **2014**, at the hour of **9:30** o'clock **a.m.**, and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Motion and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the Motion.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the Motion at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the Motion and the right to object to the granting of the Motion and to show why said minor children should not be determined to be abandoned by you and why your parental rights to said children should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the children, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said children in accordance with law.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2014.

Lisa B. Otipoby Herbert
Judge of the Tribal Court

Albert Ghezzi, Attorney General
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
P.O. Box 32
Concho, Oklahoma 73022
(405) 422-7855 or 425-9242

ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT

Interview and photo by Rebecka Lyman

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Sheldon Reynolds Jr., is a senior who plays for the Clinton High School basketball team and stands 6' tall. His position is shooting guard and he proudly wears jersey number 11.

When did you first begin playing?

I started playing in the fourth grade.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

I would have to say being with my team-mates and that we can all relate to the same thing, playing basketball.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

Earning a scholarship to attend Northern Oklahoma College to play basketball.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

Keeping an "A" in my English class.

What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?

Earn my degree in physical therapy so that I can help out other athletes.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

One of my goals is to stay in college more than 4 years.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

Playing our rival, Weatherford. It was a pretty close game. We went into double over time on their court and they won by two points, but when they came to our house to play on our court we beat them by 5 points.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

Our new coach Jedediah Beck, he always relates basketball to life. When he gives us a new lesson it is always encouraging, he is always teaching us how to be a better player and person.

Who or what inspires you the most?

I have to say my parents inspire me a lot. They spend a lot of time on me, and my sisters. They are always making long trips out of state to AAU tournaments for my traveling team Oklahoma Storm that I play on and making sure we are on good teams. They take very good care of us.

What work out routine do you have for training in your sport?

I wake up every morning at 5 a.m. with my dad to practice until 7 a.m. before I have to go to school. Some mornings we run together for about an hour, other days we work on conditioning, dribbling and other stuff. My dad always has a different work out routine for me to work on. It is really nice, always having new things to try and work on.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

It would be shooting … I can shoot any where from outside the key.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Pretty much anything.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My dad, becasue he helps me to stay focused on the important things, not only basketball, but my everyday life.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

I pretty much work on my basketball skills, but sometimes I will hang out with my friends.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I like to listen to country.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I don't wash my under shirt that I wear under my jersey.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

Athletes when they go to college and only play one year, the one year and done. I think they should take full advantage of the four years no matter how good they are before going pro.

What do you someday dream of doing?

Training kids on how to play basketball.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Steve Nash.

Which team is your favorite team?

Phoenix Suns.

What are your plans after graduating high school?

Enjoy being a college student playing the sport I love.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

Working hard does pay off, stay dedicated to the sport that they love.

Hammon Easter Event

April 20, 2014

The Hammon Holiday Committee would like to humbly thank the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, Diabetes Wellness Program, Cheyenne District 4 Legislator, Kyle Orange, Arapaho District 4 Legislator, Winslow Sankey Jr., and the numerous volunteers who helped make our 2014 Easter event a great success

Submitted photos

The Basics of Breastfeeding

The Clinton Service Unit would like to invite you and your family to our new Basics of Breastfeeding course.

Breastfeeding is the most natural and nutritional way to encourage your baby's development. This class will help guide expecting parents on ways to get breastfeeding off to a good start. It is perfect for first-time parents, those who were previously unsuccessful in breastfeeding, or those needing a refresher. We'll also cover mom's nutrition, how to know your baby is getting enough milk, pumping, safe storage of breast milk, maintaining milk supply, and how dad is important in helping with breastfeeding success.

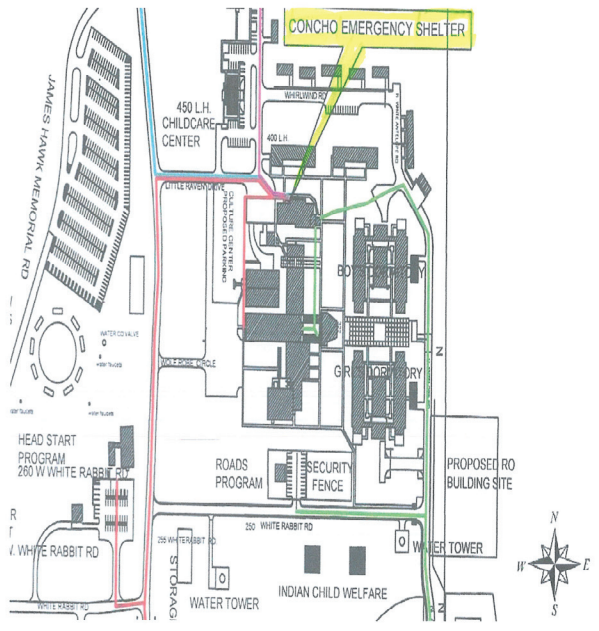
Wednesday, May 28th • Clinton Indian Health Center • 2pm — 4pm
Friday, May 30th • Watonga Indian Health Center • 2pm — 4pm

For more information please contact:
Kristie Purdy at (580)331-3458

ATTENTION:

Tribal employees/ members and Local Community

- A Storm Shelter is available to all tribal employees/members and the local community in the event of severe weather conditions
- The designated shelter is located off of Black Kettle Dr. and East on Little Raven. (Across from the Head Start building)



- The shelter is currently not handicap accessible, for this purpose designated volunteers will be needed to assist the handicapped and elderly. If you wish to volunteer please contact Property and Supply or Administration. Any assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Alvin Pollock, Director of Property and Supply Contact numbers:
(405)-422-7547 or (405)-388-9741

Department of Administration Contact numbers:
(405)-422-7551

Lucky Star Casino celebrates 20 years

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Twenty years ago, Memorial Day weekend 1994, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' cut the ribbon and opened the doors to Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. It was the "first of its kind" in the state of Oklahoma. And according to Nathan Doyebi, it still is.

"I was temporary in the beginning, unloading tables from the trucks into the building. I was the last employee hired at the casino that day, #214th person. There is somewhere between 500-600 employees now," Doyebi, Lucky Star Casino, 20 year employee said. "Lucky Star was the first of its kind … Lucky Star is still the first. We still draw a good crowd. The professionalism and the courteous nature that the people have here keep people coming back. To be nice to someone, to smile, to say hello. You get a regular customer, you know them by name, they may be a lonely person who has no one and they come in and you say hi to them and smile at them. A smile goes a long way. A hello goes a long way and that's what we have at Lucky Star Casino and that's why are still first. I see a whole lot of this working there. The food is great. A lot of our food is homemade, we cut our own steaks, a lot of our food is made from scratch, the people are courteous … that's why we are still a success, why people keep coming back."

Starting May 19, 2014, Lucky Star Casino will begin its week long celebration, giving away $10,000 in cash, a hot tub, a sea-doo, lawnmower and hundreds of other cash and prizes.

Another 20 year employee, Jesse Hamilton, remembers the days prior to the present day casino.

"When I started it was still under construction. I helped to put the roof on. I was a laborer for Krautz Anderson Construction Company and then I started in security on March 28, 1994. We officially opened the doors around Memorial Day weekend of 1994. They had similar games then called System 12s, kind of like a bingo game. They had maybe 6-12 machines that were kind of recessed on a table screen and basically just bingo and pull tabs," Hamilton said. "Grand opening day we were packed. People were lined up all the time to get in. When we first started we were mainly just a big bingo hall and later on here come the gaming machines. We had a lot more people come in to play these Vegas-style machines and bingo began its way out. We never used to be open 24 hours, but after the gaming machines arrived we began to stay open around the clock."

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Jesse Hamilton (l) has been a member of the security team at Lucky Star Casino for over 20 years.

Nathan Doyebi (r) is another 20 year employee who was hired May 5, 1994.

Hamilton said he has seen a lot of changes during his 20 year tenure, "Lucky Star was the first one to venture into the casino business and right after us I believe Thunderbird Casino became the second one to open, one of those Shawnee tribes I believe own that."

He said he liked the casino being ran within the tribes and not tied up with a management company from some other state.

"It's better like that. It's been a learning experience this past 20 years. I have seen a lot of changes, both good and bad. There has been a lot of trial and errors, policy and procedures always changing, but its been an uphill climb and we made it," Hamilton said.

Reflecting back on the past 20 years, both Hamilton and Doyebi agree they want to see the casino go to the next level.

"I would like to see in the next 20 years, we have a nice travel plaza so why can't we build a nice hotel now. We have people coming here from Texas, from Kansas and they are going to go to El Reno to get a hotel, why not build our own right here and keep them right here, let them spend their money right here at the casino, at the hotel. That's what I would like to see for the future. I am so thankful that the tribe hired me when they did and I am here for the tribe," Doyebi said.